

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated hereafter.

Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A fiber splice management and assignment system, comprising:
a database operable to store a fiber splice record associated with a wirecenter, the fiber splice record identifying a fiber splice job to be performed at the wirecenter, the fiber splice management and assignment system tracking workflow of fiber splice jobs identified by a plurality of fiber splice records, the fiber splice jobs corresponding to generated engineering work-orders;

assignment logic coupled to the database, operable to assign a fiber splice record associated with a fiber splice job for the wirecenter to a draftsman and to record the assignment, wherein the fiber splice management and assignment system is configured to identify each fiber splice record assigned to the draftsman, the draftsman being assigned to make changes shown in a generated engineering work-order to the fiber splice record; and

completion logic coupled to the database, operable to receive a request to close the fiber splice record from the draftsman, and receive a credit amount associated with the fiber splice job from a fiber splice manager, the credit amount being assigned to the draftsman that performed the fiber splice job.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the completion logic is further operable to receive a job number assignment from the fiber splice manager.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the assignment logic is further operable to create a printable cover sheet for the fiber splice record.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the fiber splice job comprises providing a logical connection across a network element that previously resulted in a disconnect between a fiber input and output.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising:
reporting logic operable to provide a plurality of users with the fiber splice record.

6. (Original) The system of claim 5, wherein the reporting logic is operable to provide the plurality of users with a plurality of unassigned fiber splice records.

7. (Original) The system of claim 5, wherein the reporting logic is operable to provide the plurality of users with a report of any fiber splice records which have been assigned to a particular user.

8. (Original) The system of claim 5, wherein the reporting logic is operable to provide the plurality of users with a report of any fiber splice records which have been marked as completed in the database.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for assigning and managing a plurality of fiber splice jobs, comprising:

storing a fiber splice record associated with a wirecenter in a database, the fiber splice record identifying a fiber splice job to be performed at the wirecenter, the fiber splice job corresponding to a generated engineering work-order;

assigning a fiber splice record associated with a fiber splice job for the wirecenter to a draftsman as part of workflow tracking process for fiber splice jobs, the draftsman being assigned to make changes shown in the generated engineering work-order to the fiber splice record;

recording the assignment;

receiving a request from a user to mark the fiber splice record as closed; and

assigning credit for the fiber splice job based upon input from a fiber splice manager, the credit being assigned to the draftsman that performed the fiber splice job.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising assigning a job number to the fiber splice record responsive to input from the fiber splice manager.

11. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising creating a printable cover sheet for the fiber splice record.

12. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the fiber splice job comprises providing a logical connection across a network element that previously resulted in a disconnect between a fiber input and output.

13. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising providing a plurality of users with the fiber splice record in a report format.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising providing a plurality of users with a report of any fiber splice records which have not been assigned to any of a plurality of draftsmen.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising providing the plurality of users with a report of any fiber splice records which have been assigned to a particular user.

16. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising providing a plurality of users with a report of any fiber splice records which have been marked as completed in the database.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having a program for assigning and managing a plurality of fiber splice jobs, the program comprising:

storing a fiber splice record associated with a wirecenter in a database, the fiber splice record identifying a fiber splice job to be performed at the wirecenter, the fiber splice job corresponding to a generated engineering work-order;

assigning a fiber splice record associated with a fiber splice job for the wirecenter to a draftsman as part of workflow tracking process for fiber splice jobs;

recording the assignment;

receiving a request from a user to mark the fiber splice record as closed; and

assigning credit for the fiber splice job based upon input from a fiber splice manager, the credit being assigned to the draftsman that performed the fiber splice job.

18. (Original) The program of claim 17, further comprising assigning a job number to the fiber splice record responsive to input from the fiber splice manager.

19. (Original) The program of claim 17, further comprising creating a printable cover sheet for the fiber splice record.

20. (Original) The program of claim 17, wherein the fiber splice job comprises providing a logical connection across a network element that previously resulted in a disconnect between a fiber input and output.

21. (Original) The program of claim 17, further comprising providing a plurality of users with the fiber splice record in a report format.

22. (Original) The program of claim 21, further comprising providing a plurality of users with a report of any fiber splice records which have not been assigned to any of a plurality of draftsmen.

23. (Original) The program of claim 21, further comprising providing the plurality of users with a report of any fiber splice records which have been assigned to a particular user.

24. (Original) The program of claim 21, further comprising providing a plurality of users with a report of any fiber splice records which have been marked as completed in the database.